

Kaylee's Korner

Pine Springs

I got the awesome blessing of going with the Woodland West youth group to their summer camp, Pine Springs, in the mountains of New Mexico. This was my first time attending any Bible camp besides the one I grew up going to, which was really exciting! The theme of the week was the book of James; every day week focused on a different chapter. My team and I were dishwashers for the week, Ash and I taught the 7th grade girls' morning class and Olivia co-taught the freshman girls' class. Teaching class was a really awesome experience for me. I was pleasantly surprised by how attentive the girls were and how much they participated by asking and answering questions.

My favorite part of the camp were the nightly devotionals. Instead of the traditional "sit around a campfire" set-up, they were various simulations or practical activities designed to drive the lessons of the day home and cement them in the camper's minds. Even as staff, I feel like I learned a lot from Pine Springs.

VBS in the Park

I got to help organize and run one of the coolest, out-of-the-box Vacation Bible School I've ever seen! The Woodland West Church of Christ hosted a one-day-long cowboy themed VBS. But instead of having it in the church building, we had everything (classes, crafts, activities, etc.) in a nearby park. I thought this was such a cool idea because this way it is open and visible to the community and neighborhood.

My team and I helped write and perform the skits to introduce each lesson segment. The classes were about how God gives good gifts, Jesus is the best "gift," and how true gratitude causes action. After VBS in the morning, we provided lunch for the kids and parents and games and more activities in the afternoon. It was a big success!



Birthday

I turned 19 this month!

Despite my short life, I feel so blessed to have gotten to experience as much as I have and know God's faithfulness to His children.

Prayer Request

Please pray for good quality rest; we have been very busy and traveling a lot last month, so we haven't had much time to rest.

Pray that God will continue to use my team and I to draw more people into a deeper relationship with Him and to spread His kingdom further.

Verse of the Month

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

2 Timothy 4:12

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“Knowing God” Study

Every Wednesday morning my team and I have a Bible study/discussion with my coordinator, Mike Bingham. The discussions are guided by the book, *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer, that we all are reading a chapter a week together.

The book talks about the difference of knowing God or just knowing about Him and how that plays out in the lives of Christians. I really enjoy how our study challenges me and my walk with God and helps to feed us spiritually while working in Arlington.

Looking Forward

FriendSpeak

Starting in August, my team and I will start working at the Tri-C (the college ministry on the UTA campus) every Monday and Thursday. Part of that time will be spent working as teachers for the FriendSpeak program where we will be teaching English using the Bible. I am super excited to get started!

Luther, OK

Also, in August, the Woodland West Church of Christ youth group is planning to go on a local mission trip to Luther, Oklahoma. I don't know everything that we'll be doing but I'll looking forward to getting to know the kids in the youth group better.

Palmetto Bible Camp

My team and I were invited by my mom to go to the Palmetto Bible Camp in South Carolina during the last full week of July. I grew up attending this camp as a member of the youth group and working there as staff was an interesting experience. Also, neither of my teammates had ever gone to this camp before.

We were invited to help work on staff in addition to helping my mom and her friend, Cindy Cox, teach a class on missions at the camp.

Upon arrival, we helped campers get registered, met lots of new people, and reconnected with old friends.

This year there were a lot of college-age staff volunteers, so we were added to their group. The college-age staff were called the “Security Team.” Most of our job involved helping keep the camp running smoothly and being extra hands to set up or run activities throughout the week.

In addition to being security, my team and I got to be guest teachers for the class on missions, and we were given the opportunity to make a presentation about the AIM program to all of the campers!

Selfishly, I really enjoyed being able to see and visit with my Mom and two of my brothers throughout the week., and that my teammates were able to meet some of my church family!

The drive from Arlington TX to and from South Carolina was long trip, but it was well worth it!



Thank you

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